

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : Legislative Counsel

DATE: 4 February 1959

FROM : Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: S. 814, a Bill to Amend the Federal Property and
Administrative Services Act of 1949 and Title 10
U. S. Code, Relative to Negotiated Procurement

1. S. 814 proposes to make an amendment to the GSA and the DOD procurement statutes to the effect that no contract for the procurement of goods or services shall be negotiated without advertising because of any determination that any labor surplus exists within any geographical area, or because such area has been designated a disaster area or an economically distressed area.

2. In my opinion, CIA need take no action on this Bill, and if it should be enacted it would not affect our procurement activities in any significant manner. As far as I know, no Agency contract has been awarded in recent years, if ever, because of a determination with respect to a labor surplus or a distressed area. If this or a similar bill should be enacted, we would probably have no difficulty in conforming to it, and any opposition to such a bill should come from DOD or GSA rather than from us.



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